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勿論其方面ノ兵員、家族等ハ非常ニ憂慮シ又彼自身モ  
ソ種々家族殊ニ MEXICO 及 ILLINOIS 等、如キ州防衛軍  
全部カ PHILIPPINES に出征シテ其ル地域、人々、家族ニ深ク  
同情スル彼ハツケ加ヘタ

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自ラ ROOSEVELT 氏ハ述ベタ。彼ハ、残虐行爲ニ就テハ F.B.  
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along the high road to admiralty. In case he does some day become an admiral, no one would be happier than the soldiers who come from Kumamoto Prefecture, a prefecture which has produced no admiral so far. That is to say, being a son-in-law of Lt. General TSUKUSHI, Kumashiohi, who comes from Kumamoto, he will reflect credit upon Kumamoto Prefecture, if he becomes an admiral, in spite of the collateral family relation. Apart from this, he is now in charge of the most brilliant part of the Navy. Furthermore, it is expected that his appearance will strengthen the surveillance over the Chiang Kai-shek Regime from the sea.

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相當 ナ モ ノ ソノ二十五

及川古悉郎大將ニ代ツテ新タニ支那方面艦隊司令長官ニ補セラレタ島田繁太郎中將ハ軍令部畑ニ育ツテ實戰部隊ノ第一線ニ進出シタ猛者デアール。  
第一次上海事變ノ際ニハ智將野村吉三郎ノ麾下ニ第三艦隊ノ參謀長デアツタシ、マタ悉メテ荒鷲部隊ガ渡洋空襲ヲ敢行スルヤ軍令部次長トシテ畏クモ元帥ノ宮殿下ヲ補佐シ奉ツタ彼デアール。  
非常時來ト共ニ軍令部カラ出テ第二艦隊司令長官トナリ、ワガ快速艦隊ヲ率ヒテ懸命ナ猛訓練ニ身心ヲ砥礪スルコト二年有半、今ヤ海上第一線ノ最高指揮官ニマデ華ヤカナ進出ヲ遂ゲタモノデアール。蓋シ武人トシテ相當ナモノタル彼ニトツテハ當然デアラウ、彼ハ明治十六年生レノ五十八歳、生粹ノ江戸ッ兒デアール。明治三十七年海軍兵學校ヲ卒業シテ少尉トナリ、昭和九年中將ニ進、ソノ間海軍大學校ヲ經テ伊太利大使館附武官、練習艦隊參謀、軍令部參謀海軍大學校教官、第七潜水隊司令、軍令部出仕、多摩、比叡各艦長、第二艦隊參謀長、第一聯合艦隊參謀長、海軍潜水學校長、第三艦隊參謀長、軍令部第一部長

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衆海軍技術會議員、軍令部次長等ニ歴補シ昭和十二年十二月第二艦隊司令長官ニ補セラレテ今日ニ至ツタ。

彼ハ謹嚴ニシテ重厚、俊敏ニシテ果斷、帷幕カラ出タ實戦ノ猛者トシテ知ラレテキル。彼ノ経路ハ武人トシテ極メテ順調ナコースラ進ンダモノデ、武運ニ恵マレアキルト言ヘヤウ。カクシテ彼ハ疑ヒモナク大將街道ノ調歩者ダガ、他日彼ガ大將トモナレバ、誰ヨリモ喜ブモノハ海軍大將ヲ出シテキナイ熊本縣出身ノ軍人デアラウ。ト言フ譯ハ、彼ハ熊本出身ノ陸軍中將筑紫熊七ノ女婿デアツテ、彼ガ大將トナレバ傍系ナガラ熊本ノタメニ氣ヲ吐クワケダカラデアル。トモアレ、彼ハ今ヤ海軍ニ於ケル最モ華ヤカナ部面ノ擔當者ダ。シカモ彼ノ進出ハ蔭介石政權ニ對スル海カラノ睨ミラ一層強化スルモノトシテ期待サレル。

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